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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
Isao ECHIZEN, et al. :  
Serial No.: 09/659,551 : Group Art Unit: 3621  
Filed: September 11, 2000 : Examiner: P. E. Elisca  
For: CONTENTS RENDERING CONTROL METHOD, CONTENTS REPRODUCING EQUIPMENT, AND CONTENTS DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated January 27, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Since the three-month due date fell on Sunday April 27, 2003, the period for response to that Action runs through April 28, 2003.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-24.

Please add new claims 25-44 as follows:

25. (New) A method for controlled filtering of contents data in reproducing or distributing,

*A1*  
*Sub B1*  
wherein control information specifying predetermined filtering has been embedded in the contents data as a digital watermark;

said method comprising the steps of: